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Serial No.: 10/788,912

Examiner: Sarkar, Asok

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For: Method of Forming Barrier Layer with Reduced Resistivity and Improved Reliability

Attorney Docket No.: 67,200-1210 (2003-0648)

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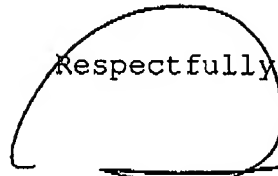
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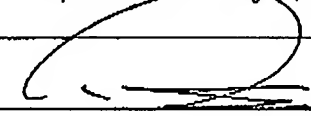
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METHOD OF FORMING BARRIER LAYER WITH REDUCED RESISTIVITY AND
IMPROVED RELIABILITY IN COPPER DAMASCENE PROCESS

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. of No. 6, Li-Hsin Rd. 6, Science-Based Industrial Park, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, R.O.C, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we KEI-WEI CHEN, JUNG-CHIH TSAO, CHI-WEN LIU, ICHUNG-CHANG CHEN, SHIH-TZUNG CHANG, SHIH-HO LIN, YU-KU LIN and YING-LANG WANG, by these presents, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said corporation and its assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest, including all priority rights under the International Convention associated with each country of the Union, in and to said invention as described in the patent application executed by us on the 19 day of Nov, 2003, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States

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Patent No. : 7,071,100 B2
Serial No. : 10/788,912
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Title : **METHOD OF FORMING BARRIER LAYER
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RELIABILITY IN COPPER DAMASCENE PROCESS**
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